

Biology 1020 Biodiversity Biology Lab
Spring Semester 2021
Biology Department, College of Science and Math
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Midterm: March 11, 2021. This is the last day to drop this course and receive a withdrawal grade (W).

Credit Hours: 1

Course Description:

Bio 1020L Biodiversity Lab

Co-requisite: **Bio 1010.** This course cannot be taken for credit toward the major in biology. An introduction to the diversity of life on earth with a special emphasis on ecological and evolutionary processes and relationships.

Course Objectives: This course is designed to accompany Bio 1010 by presenting exercises that emphasize an introduction to the diversity of life on Earth with a special emphasis on ecological and evolutionary processes and relationships. Students will participate in the process of scientific inquiry by asking scientific questions, developing hypotheses, predicting outcomes of experiments, collecting and interpreting data and drawing conclusions from the results.

Learning Goal: Students will demonstrate understanding of the physical universe and the nature of science, and they will use scientific methods and/or mathematical reasoning and concepts to solve problems.

Materials: The lab manual and text are mandatory.

Lab Manual: Biology 1020L Biodiversity Lab: The Evolution and Diversity of Life by Teresa H. Doscher

It can be purchased at the VSU Bookstore. It is a loose leaf, 3 hole punched manual so you will need to put it in a small 3 ring binder along with some extra loose leaf paper for taking notes.

COVID 19 CHANGES: Due to COVID 19 regulations we are altering the way non-major labs are taught. Only half of the normal number of students can be in the lab at a time. Therefore, each class will be divided into 2 groups (group A and group B). Each group will either attend in-person labs the first half of the semester and then be online the second half or they will be online the first half of the semester and then attend in person the second half. Refer to the lab schedule for details. All of the online labs will be posted on Blazeview along with quizzes to complete. You will be told whether you are in Group A or Group B by your instructor. Each group has a different lab schedule which is listed at the end of the syllabus.

COVID Illness or Contact: If you are sick or exposed due to COVID you must first complete the COVID self-reporting form on the MyVSU site and contact the Dean of Students. They will send your instructors notification of your absence with the dates you will be absent. At that point your instructor will work with you on the labs and assignments that you missed. **THIS DOES NOT EXCUSE YOU FROM LABS OR THE MATERIAL COVERED IN THE LAB.** Your instructor will work with you individually to either make up the lab and assignments or come up with an alternative assignment. You must communicate with your instructor on these missed assignments and labs.

Attendance: Attendance in lab is mandatory. **As per University policy; a student who misses more than 20% of the scheduled classes of a course will be subject to receiving a FAILING grade in the course. There will only be six in-person labs and 6 online labs for you to attend/complete. So, IF YOU MISS 3 LABS WHETHER THEY ARE ONLINE OR IN-PERSON YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY FAIL THE COURSE**

If you are **10 minutes late to lab, you will be turned away from the lab.** Labs will begin on time so if you are late and are not present for instructions and safety issues you will not attend the lab.

Also, it is imperative that you attend your regularly scheduled lab. **No make-up labs will be allowed due to seating limitations.** So, set alerts in your phone or mark your in-person labs on a calendar so you don't miss your in-person labs. You will have a week to complete your online labs but we cannot alter the in-person labs due to COVID regulations.

Communication: It is best to contact me through VSU email. If you send email through BlazeVIEW then there is a great chance I will not see it until it is too late. I am normally quick to respond, but only contact me during appropriate hours of the day. If you email me at crazy times then I simply won't respond.

Grading: Your final grade will be determined by laboratory quizzes, laboratory reports, homework assignments, daily participation grades and online labs. **Quizzes are given at the beginning of each lab. If you are late to class or miss the class, you will not be able to make up the quiz.** If you miss the class completely, you are responsible for the material covered that class period and you must be prepared for the quiz the following class period.

I will not accept assignments or a lab report from a class that you did not attend. I will not accept any late assignments either. You will receive a daily participation grade for the in-person labs. Therefore, if you are not present you will receive a zero grade for the day.

Final Grades: Final grades are based on the following cumulative point totals. **All grades will be posted on Blazeview. This is a tentative summary of grades for the semester subject to change. See the points listed on lab schedule.**

In-person labs = 10 points each x 6 = 60 points	
Quizzes and assignments = 125 points	
Online labs = 10 points each x 6 = 60 points	
Total = 245 points	
A	90 - 100% 221 - 245 points
B	80 - 89.99% 196 - 220 points
C	70 - 79.99% 172 - 195 points
D	60 - 69.99% 147 - 171 points
F	below 60% below 147 points

Cheating and Plagiarism: Academic integrity is the responsibility of all VSU faculty and students. Faculty members should promote academic integrity by including clear instruction on the components of academic integrity and clearly defining the penalties for cheating and plagiarism in their course syllabi. Students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the Academic Integrity Policy as set forth in the Student Code of Conduct and the faculty members' syllabi. All students are expected to do their own work and to uphold a high standard of academic ethics. A student caught cheating on a quiz, lab report, or assignment will receive a grade of zero and may receive a failing grade (F) in the course.

Each student will be required to complete his/her own lab report or assignment for certain in-person or online labs. Many of the in-person experiments will be conducted as groups; however, group lab reports or lab reports identical to others in the class are not acceptable. **If two or more students turn in identical or similar lab reports, assignments, or online labs, those students will receive a grade of zero on the assignment.**

Disruptive Behavior: The academic community is under a strong obligation to protect the campus community from disorderly, disruptive, or obstructive actions which interfere with academic pursuits of teaching, learning and other campus activities. Therefore, any disruptive behavior in the laboratory that interferes with the teaching of the laboratory exercises or disturbs other students or faculty will not be tolerated. **Any student that disrupts the class will be removed from the class and possibly dropped from the course.** This student will also forfeit any points toward his or her grade from that day and will not be able to make up the lab. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for more information.

**TEXTING OR USING YOUR PHONE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED DURING CLASS!
YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLASS IF THIS POLICY IS BROKEN!**

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974: It is illegal to release personal information about an individual to others. **Grades, averages, and other information will not be released to anyone but that individual; therefore, no grades will be posted or given out over the phone or email.**

Access Statement: Students with disabilities who are experiencing barriers in this course may contact the Access Office for assistance in determining and implementing reasonable accommodations. The Access Office is located in Farbar Hall. The phone numbers are 229-245-2498 (V), 229-375-5871 (VP) and 229-219-1348 (TTY). For more information, please visit VSU's Access Office or email: access@valdosta.edu.

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Extra Help with Coursework

The Academic Support Center (ASC) offers all VSU students free peer tutoring in core curriculum courses, including math, writing (any subject), chemistry, biology, foreign languages and more. Please bring your assignments, textbooks, and homework to tutoring sessions. Also available are free, one-hour seminars for help with study skills, time management, and a variety of other topics. Visit our office on the main campus, located in Langdale Residence Hall, or call 229-333-7570 for an appointment, or visit the website where you can make appointment for yourself (www.valdosta.edu/asc).

**Bio 1020 Biodiversity Lab Spring 2021
BC 1047**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 AM					
8:30 AM					
9:00 AM					
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM	Bio 1020 Lab A	Bio 1020 G	Bio 1020 Lab L		
10:30 AM	Doscher	Lamb	Doscher		
11:00 AM	10 - 11:50	10 - 11:50	10 - 11:50		
11:30 AM					
12:00 PM	Bio 1020 Lab B		Bio 1020 Lab M		
12:30 PM	Crews		Doscher		
1:00 PM	12 - 1:50		12 - 1:50		
1:30 PM					
2:00 PM	Bio 1020 Lab C		Bio 1020 Lab N		
2:30 PM	Crews		Brown		
3:00 PM	2 - 3:50		2 - 3:50		
3:30 PM					
4:00 PM		Bio 1020 Lab J	Lab Meeting		
4:30 PM		Lamb	Lab Meeting		
5:00 PM		4 - 5:50	Lab Meeting		
5:30 PM			Lab Meeting		

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Group A Lab Schedule - Biol 1020 Biodiversity Labs

*This is a tentative schedule subject to change at the instructor's discretion.

			Points
Week 1	Jan. 11 - 13	IN-PERSON LAB: Group A - attend first half of the class - Syllabus & Safety Guidelines	5
		IN-PERSON LAB: Group B - attend second half of the class - Syllabus & Safety Guidelines	5
	Jan. 18 - 20	NO LABS DUE TO MLK DAY HOLIDAY	
Week 2	Jan. 25 - 27	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 1: Taxonomy (pages 1-8)	10
Week 3	Feb. 1 - 3	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 2 & 3: Microscopy & Prokaryotes (pages 9 - 20)	10
		Taxonomy assignment due	10
Week 4	Feb. 8 - 10	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 4: Protists (pages 21-28)	10
		Quiz on Microscopy and Prokaryotes	10
	Feb. 15 - 17	NO LABS DUE TO WELLNESS DAY ON THE 16TH	
Week 5	Feb. 22 - 24	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 6: Diversity of Plants (pages 37 - 45)	10
		Protist assignment due or quiz on Protists	10
Week 6	March 1 - 3	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 6: Diversity of Plants (Angiosperms pages 45 - 50)	10
		Quiz on Lower Plants	10
Week 7	March 8 - 10	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 9: Variations Among Mammals (pages 75 - 78)	10
		Quiz on Angiosperms (plants)	10
		Variations Among Mammals assignment or quiz	10
	March 15 - 17	NO LABS DUE TO WELLNESS DAY ON THE 17TH	
Week 8	March 22 - 26	ONLINE LAB: Biomes Lab (Blazeview) - Due March 26	10
		Biomes quiz - Due March 26	10
Week 9	March 29 - 3rd	ONLINE LAB: Fungi Lab (Blazeview) - Due April 3	10
		Fungi Quiz - Due April 3	10
Week 10	April 5 - 9	ONLINE LAB: Invertebrates (Blazeview)	
		Part 1 - Phylum Porifera and Cnidaria - Due April 9	10
		Quiz on Phylum Porifera and Cnidaria - Due April 9	10
Week 11	April 12 - 16	ONLINE LAB: Invertebrates (Blazeview)	
		Part 2 - Phylum Platy., Nematoda & Annelida (worms) - Due April 16	10
		Quiz on Phylum Platy., Nematoda & Annelida (worms) - Due April 16	10
Week 12	April 19 - 23	ONLINE LAB: Invertebrates (Blazeview)	
		Part 3 - Phylum Mollusca and Echinodermata - Due April 23	10
		Quiz on Phylum Mollusca and Echinodermata - Due April 23	10
Week 13	April 26 - 30	ONLINE LAB: Invertebrates (Blazeview)	
		Part 4 - Phylum Arthropoda - Due April 30	10
		Quiz on Phylum Arthropoda - Due April 30	10
Total points			245

Group B Lab Schedule - Biol 1020 Biodiversity Labs

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			Points
Week 1	Jan. 11 - 13	IN-PERSON LAB: Group A - attend first half of the class - Syllabus & Safety Guidelines	5
		IN-PERSON LAB: Group B - attend second half of the class - Syllabus & Safety Guidelines	5
	Jan. 18 - 20	NO LABS DUE TO MLK DAY HOLIDAY	
Week 2	Jan. 25 - 29	ONLINE LAB: Biomes Lab (Blazeview) - Due January 29	10
		Biomes quiz - Due January 29	10
Week 3	Feb. 1 - 5	ONLINE LAB: Fungi Lab (Blazeview) - Due February 5	10
		Fungi Quiz - Due February 5	10
Week 4	Feb. 8 - 12	ONLINE LAB: Invertebrates (Blazeview)	
		Part 1 - Phylum Porifera and Cnidaria - Due February 12	10
		Quiz on Phylum Porifera and Cnidaria - Due February 12	10
	Feb. 15 - 19	NO LABS DUE TO WELLNESS DAY ON THE 16TH	
Week 5	Feb. 22 - 26	ONLINE LAB: Invertebrates (Blazeview)	
		Part 2 - Phylum Platy., Nematoda & Annelida (worms) - Due Feb. 26	10
		Quiz on Phylum Platy., Nematoda & Annelida (worms) - Due Feb. 26	10
Week 6	March 1 - 5	ONLINE LAB: Invertebrates (Blazeview)	
		Part 3 - Phylum Mollusca and Echinodermata - Due March 5	10
		Quiz on Phylum Mollusca and Echinodermata - Due March 5	10
Week 7	March 8 - 12	ONLINE LAB: Invertebrates (Blazeview)	
		Part 4 - Phylum Arthropoda - Due March 12	10
		Quiz on Phylum Arthropoda - Due March 12	10
	March 15 - 17	NO LABS DUE TO WELLNESS DAY ON THE 17TH	
Week 8	March 22 - 24	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 1: Taxonomy (pages 1-8)	10
Week 9	March 29 - 31	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 2 & 3: Microscopy & Prokaryotes (pages 9 - 20)	10
		Taxonomy assignment due	10
Week 10	April 5 - 7	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 4: Protists (pages 21-28)	10
		Quiz on Microscopy and Prokaryotes	10
Week 11	April 12 - 14	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 6: Diversity of Plants (pages 37 - 45)	10
		Protist assignment due or quiz on Protists	10
Week 12	April 19 - 21	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 6: Diversity of Plants (Angiosperms pages 45 - 50)	10
		Quiz on Lower Plants	10
Week 13	April 26 - 28	IN-PERSON LAB: Exercise 9: Variations Among Mammals (pages 75 - 78)	10
		Quiz on Angiosperms (plants)	10
		Variations Among Mammals assignment or quiz	10
Total points			245